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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Knaack <i>et al.</i>	Examiner:	Jagoe, D. A.
Serial No.:	10/771,736	Art Unit:	1614
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For:	Polyurethanes for Osteoimplants		

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 26, 2007, Applicant respectfully elects Group I (claims 1-36), drawn to a biodegradable polyurethane composition comprising a polyurethane matrix formed by reaction of a polyisocyanate with an optionally hydroxylated biomolecule, and a reinforcement embedded in the matrix selected from bone and bone substitutes, classified in class 623, subclass 23.51. Applicant notes that in the Restriction Requirement that the Examiner only included claims 1-31 in Group I. Applicant submits that claims 1-36 actually belong in Group I since claims 32-36 also dependent from claim 1. Examiner is asked to confirm this in the next communication from the Office.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for careful consideration of this case. Please charge any fees that may be associated with this matter, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

Respectfully submitted,

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